

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** ESTEBAN CHORNET  
**Application N°:** 09/301,670  
**Filing date:** April 28, 1999  
**Group Art Unit** 1617  
**Examiner:** Webman, Edward J.  
**Title:** CHITOSAN-XANTHAN BASED POLYIONIC HYDROGELS FOR  
STABILISATION AND CONTROLLED RELEASE OF VITAMINS  
**Attorney docket:** AML/13733.3

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of March 5, 2004

Kindly amend the claims as follows: